



**IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND
TRADEMARK OFFICE**

Art Unit 2662
Examiner Saba Tsegaye

In Re: Sundara Murugan
Case: P4524
Serial No.: 10/083,313
Filed: 02/25/02
Subject: Method and Apparatus for Implementing Automatic Protection
Switching Functionality in a Distributed Processor Data Router

**To the Commissioner for Patents
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Dear Sir:

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